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1. Per Representative Paul J. Kilday's request, Legislative Counsel telephoned him this morning and he advised he had spoken to the Speaker of the House whose suggestion was that the Speaker and Mr. Kilday meet first with Representative Chet Holifield. Not being able to reach Mr. Holifield, the matter was put over until this afternoon and I am to call Mr. Kilday further. The thought is that once they chatted with Holifield action would be determined with respect to Representative Carter.

2. Mr. Earman advised the Director had talked with Senator Russell suggesting the desirability of a briefing of the CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Senate Appropriations. Subsequently, Mr. Darden telephoned to say that he was following up on the telephone call and suggested a time of 2:30 on 16 June. Mr. Darden stated he had contacted the other members of the Subcommittee including Senators Hayden and Chavez. This time has been confirmed with the Director and Darden has been notified.

3. Herb Waters returned my telephone call and I explained the desire to have an interview with Senator Humphrey looking toward constructing an assessment of Khrushchev. Mr. Waters thought the Senator would be most interested in doing this but probably it would be some time next week.

4. Met with Representative Edward H. Rees (R., Kansas) to discuss the [redacted] case and the letter sent by Mr. Rees to General Cabell dated 28 May 1959. I explained the factual situation as we knew it and Mr. Rees appeared quite shocked and regretted that he had not checked further into the matter before writing to us. He explained that he knew [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. Rees appeared most grateful to receive the information on this case and asked for suggestions as to how he should handle it. Eventually it was agreed that

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he simply would not answer the correspondence unless he received further word and, in such event, he would answer along the lines that he had investigated the matter thoroughly and found no evidence to support the charges by [] and, in fact, his investigation had led him to believe that the contrary was true.

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5. Legislative Counsel, accompanied by [] appeared in open session to respond to questions from a Subcommittee of House Post Office and Civil Services Committee conducting hearings on H. R. 5007. We were able to respond without difficulty to the questions put and the Subcommittee generally seems favorable to the bill. See Memorandum for the Record.

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6. The Director met with Congressman Emilio Q. Daddario (D., Conn.) in the Director's office. Present were: [] and Lawrence R. Houston. See Memorandum for the Record.

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7. Colonel Ware telephoned and read to me a proposed letter to be signed by General Michaelis, Director of Army L&L, to various individuals who have inquired regarding the [] matter. I thought the letter was excellent and Colonel Ware asked that I hold myself available to accompany him when the letters are hand delivered.

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